

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/532,983, filed March 22, 2000, entitled "Audio Conference Platform System and Method for Broadcasting a Real-Time Audio Conference over the Internet" which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/125,440, filed March 22, 1999, entitled "Audio Conference Platform System and Method for Broadcasting a Real-Time Audio Conference Over the Internet". This application contains subject matter related to [a] commonly assigned ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent application designated serial number ~~TBD~~, 09/532,602, filed March 22, 2000, entitled "Scalable Audio Conference Platform". Platform, which patent application has matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,625,271, the disclosure of which patent is hereby incorporated herein by reference. ~~This application is hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Amendments to the Specification (continued):

Please delete the old abstract and enter the following new abstract in its place:

A conferencing method that conducts an audio conference over the Internet. The method includes receiving digitized audio signals, summing a plurality of received audio signals that contain speech, providing a summed conference signal from the summed plurality of audio signals with an audio conference mixer, transcoding the summed conference signal, and streaming the transcoded summed signal onto the Internet.